



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:  
Shun Hang Luk et al.  
  
Serial No: 09/900,720  
  
Filed: July 6, 2001  
  
Title: NETWORK STORAGE DEVICE  
HAVING SOLID-STATE NON-VOLATILE  
MEMORY

Confirmation No: 7017  
  
Examiner: Christopher B. Shin  
  
Art Unit: 2182  
  
Atty. Docket No.: BiT006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a written response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 in the above-identified application.

**The First 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection**

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 14,16, 20, 22-23, 26-27, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hoese et al. (U.S. Pat. No.: 5,941,972), in view of Tuma et al. (U.S. Pat. No.: 6,035,384). This rejection is respectfully traversed.